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The Missouri legislature has enacted that the plea of hypnotism as a defense in criminal cases in the State shall be

Castellane-Gould business having been her hands she wouldn't need any law or satisfactorily ended, or begun, those any talk of law to abate the big theatre who have work to attend to can attend hat nulsance. A word from her to the

French chemists have discovered a new amalgam, of 94 parts copper and a shilling for a pound of avoirdupois.

the curious that Queen Victoria's hand, penditures it has passed a Deficiency which is said to be a handsome one, tariff bill under the specious name of has signed more important State a tariff bill for revenue. It has shown papers and been kissed by more im- woful incompetency to deal with the Give me a spoon of oleo, ma, portant men than the hand of any financial problems that have been so other queen that ever lived. The Queen pressing. Nero fiddled while Rome does a great deal of political work of was burning and the Fifty-Third conwhich the public rarely hears. Every gress gabbled and chattered while the day sealed boxes of documents are country was going from one distress brought to her and in one year she to another. It didn't know what to do has read as many as 28,000 State papers. and couldn't keep still. It would have

The influence of dlet on the growth of hair has often been discussed. It has been shown that starchy mixtures, milk and many other foods recognized as sure death to hair growth. Chemical posed of 5 per cent. of sulphur and its ash; of 20 per cent. of silicon, and 10 per cent, of iron and manganese. The foods which contain the larger per cent. of the above named elements are meat, oatmeal and graham. Henry pointedly says: "Nations which eat most meat have the most hair."

It costs something to "fill a long felt want in journalism." Harold Frederic buts Mr. William Waldorf Astor's loss on account of his ventures in London Nournalism at \$2,000,000. He paid a quar ter of a million for the Pall Mall Gagette alone three or four years ago, and he has spent money freely in endeavor ing to build it up. He recently offered to sell it for \$200,000, throwing in the Pall Mall Magazine and the Pall Mall Budget for nothing, but being unable to find a purchaser, even at this sacrifice, he now proposes to wind them all up and pocket his losses.

A strange exemption from influenza has been noticed this winter among some of the workmen in a factory at Walreas, Department of Vaucluse, France. The building has two wings, one devoted to the manufacture of Bristol board, the other to lithography. In the former thirty-five, out of fifty hands have been seriously ill with in fluenza; in the latter not a single operative has had even a cold. A similar state of things has been noticed in seven other factories near by. M. Nequet, who communicates the facts to the Paris Academie de Medecine thinks that the immunity is due to the vapors of spirits of turpentine, of which a quantity is used with each lithographic

Dr. Wlassitch, the new Hungarlan minister of public worship and education, spoke in very plain terms the other day to a delegation of his electors of view each press will then certify to the the grave dangers which would result naturally from the efforts of the so- will lead to fairness and honesty in called Catholic People's party to divide classing cotton, just as self-interest and the population into political sections on the lines of religious faith. The ing mills to brand each barrel as it greatest and widest interests of the nation, he declared, would be imperilled by such a course. It was impossible he continued, to arrange the political groups according to the faiths professed by their supporters without force ing the whole public life of Hungary, into the morass of reaction. To do so would be to deprive the country of the freedom which it so highly prized and to destroy its traditional reputation for tolerance. The opponents of the government had employed weapons which were not permissable in political warfare. The clergy had utilized the and fronts and so on in this pretty way. altar and the pulpit for political agita- The stylishness of such enrichment is

remained faithful to Liberal principles? Had the priesthood considered, he asked, how deeply such words offended those whose faith was strongest? Dr. Wlassitch spoke with authority, as he had just experienced the full force of clerical opposition in his campaign for re-election after his appointment as ninister.

EFFICIENT.

The new Woman is efficient. A convincing illustration of her efficiency was given the other day in Boston at a presentation of "The Winter's Tale." The performers were all women, and they performed before an audience composed entirely of women. It was announced from the stage that the audience would not be permitted to wear hats during the performance, but, as a few persons still retained their headwear, one of the managers appeared on the stage and said: "It is observed that there are still some hats being worn. Our rule here is invariable and the performance will not proceed until every hat is taken off." This was promptly effectual. Every hat came off and such was the state of discipline that probably all the detachable hair in the house would have followed had

there been an order that it should. This shows that if the new Woman Congress having adjourned and the had the management of the theatres in wise would be sufficient.

DEAD, WITHOUT HONOR.

The Fifty-Third congress rested from 6 parts antimony, which is declared to its labors yesterday and its works will be a wonderful substitute for gold, follow it. Its members will not feel When polished it almost exactly re- greatly flattered by the public joy over sembles the aureate metal, and can their departure from the capitol, and be drawn, wrought and soldered pre- they will not feel much elated by the cisely like gold. Besides, it can be obituary notices which will say with being of lines of thread lace insertion. manufactured at a cost of only about much heartiness that the best thing the late congress ever did was to die.

It has been a billion dollar congress, It is computed by a statistician of and while providing for enormous exdone better to adjourn long ago and imitate the action of the Man of Destiny by going a-fishing.

Extravagance, Incompetency, Silver and Sugar. There is none so poor as being highly nutritious, are, in fact, to do the dead congress honor and many are pretty poor. The people are glad analysis proves that the hair is com- that they are to have a rest from the alarms that have been so frequent and disastrous and they hope for better things from the next Congress. They feel sure that they will not have to suffer worse.

AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT.

As long ago as 1881 Mr. Edward Atkinson in an address at Atlanta called planters to their immense losses be cause of what he termed "the most atrocious, barbarous, unsafe, wasteful and unsuitable package in which any great staple of commerce is put up anywhere in the world." It looks now as if the losses which have resulted from the way in which cotton has been baled would be stopped. The Bessonette pro cess appears to be what has long been needed. It consists of the winding up of raw cotton in one long lap, which makes a roll of cotton of great density almost as solid as a log of wood, but in such a way that the fibre is in nowise injured. This compress, or rather this system, is very simple and inexpensive. It can be attached at a small cost to an ordinary gin. As the cotton comes from the gin it passes between heavy rollers and is wound on a cylinder, making a bale of uniform weight, which looks exactly like the rolls of paper used on modern printing presses. The machinery is set to act automatically when the limit of weight of the bale is reached and then a good covering of stout cotton cloth is wound around the bale also covering the ends. In this condition it is almost impossible for the cotton to be injured either by mud, water

It is believed by some that ultimately the present method of sampling will be done away with when the Bessonette combination gins and presses shall be in general operation. According to this grade of its output, and self-interest the laws of trade lead the great flourought to be.

### FASHION NOTES.

Now's the Time to Buy Spangles. When a fashion is at its height, then comes talk of its coming dethronement. A prompt result is the rush on the market of the notion, bringing low prices, and here comes the need of wisdom. When as at present, spangles, beading. jeweling, etc., are employed in the fad under discussion, take advantage of the bargains and brighten up old laces

The Journal and Courier | How could men find peace in the church | as long as they are fresh. On the other | for seasickness came that the captain when they heard there from sacred hand it would not be advisable to in-lips that they were accursed if they



vest a large sum in a spangled and jeweled garment, nor to plan a new gown

along these glittering lines. As an illustration, take the waist pictured here; its yoke consists of rich guipure lace, and ends of it extend from the corners of the yoke to the waist. Worn lace could be made to serve nicely, if it were used judiclously sprinkled with spangles, and they can be had at little cost. The other materials of this waist, too, can be easily changed for and tea rose yellow satin liberty. back is plain and is laid in a few pleats. the garment having blunt points back and front. Very full enaulettes of the satin liberty fall over the short puffed sleeves. A velvet toque in which the colors of the walst are combined and biscuit colored suede mousquetaires ac-

ompany the walst. Sleeveless lace blouses are shown for wear with any bodice and are made with any amount of elaboration, often alternating with narrow satin ribbon the latter being run with spangled ga-loon. These are made to come snugly up to the folded collar of the gown, and sometimes made with a slightly low neck, finished with a fall of lace that is FLORETTE. heavily spangled.

Vassar Pie. And the sodium alkali, For I'm going to make a pic, mamma,

I'm going to make a pie. For John will be hungry and tired, ma, And his tissues will decomp So give me a gramme of phosphate, And the carbon and cellulose.

Now give me a chunk of caseine, ma, To shorten the thermic fat: And hand me the oxygen bottle, ma, And look at the thermostat; And if the electric oven's cold Just turn it on half an ohm. want to have supper ready As soon as John comes home.

Now, pass me the neutral dope, mamma, And rotate the mixing machine But give me the sterilized water first And the oleomargarine,

And the phosphate, too, for now I think, The new typewriter's quit And John will need more phosphate

To help his brain a bit. -Chicago News.

ENGAGED.

"Miss Solidcash is to marry Sir Geof frey Foxe-Hunt. They will reside "Ah! More gold engaged for London.' export."-Vogue.

Just the Man He Wanted -Editor-Do you know how to run a newspaper? Applicant-No, sir, "Well, I'll try you I guess you've had experience."-Puck.

"What makes you think she has such good taste in artistic matters?" said "She has given up trying to draw," said the other.-Washington Star. Visitor-Do you always write with :

pottle of champagne before you? Novelist-Oh, no! But my hero and heroine have just become engaged.-Fliegende Blatter. Tommy-Paw, If the lion is the king

of beasts, what is the rhinoceros? Mr. Figg-The politician, of course. hide is two inches thick .- Indianapolis Journal. A Dakota court is struggling with

prisoned named Szczyz. We don't know what he is charged with, but from his name we suspect it is soda water. Chicago Dispatch. Life with him was real and earnest

And the grave was not his goal; The united efforts of six doctors Failed to put him in the hole. -Detroit Tribune.

"Papa," said Johnny, "down here at the next street corner there's an awful strong smell of gas. Who pays for it when it leaks like that?" "I pay for a good deal of it myself, I presume, replied Johnny's father.-Chicago Trib

First Tramp-When are you going o the road? Second Tramp-Not for week or so yet. I started out once be fore in March, and folks expected me to chop three cords of wood and sift a ton of ashes for a sandwich .- Texas Sift-

Woman-who-wants-to-vote--I don' see why we shouldn't get along in poli-tics. Man-who-sneers—Who ever heard of millinery in politics? She (promptly) -I have. Nearly every politician I know of has a partisan bias and a ruffled temper,-Cincinnati Tribune.

JOYS OF A SEA-GOING PORKER.

Fed on Plum Pudding Twice Across the Pa eific, and Off for Another Voyage. (From the San Francisco Chronicle,)

Some months ago Captain Morse of the Alameda was charged by a stockraising friend in Sydney to bring him over an aristocratic pig to improve the blood of the plebeian Australian swine. The steamer captain found the pig and brought him on board two months ago. He was a dainty little thing, with a pink nose and a confiding way that won the hearts of the passengers before the gion, introducing political strife into any means, and things thus enriched steamer had crossed the bar. He

neck, and presently the curl came back passenger in the cabin. There was a clouds. It was not an uncommon thing baby on board, but the child did not for me to load my boat to the gunwales get half the attention that was bestowed on the deinty little pig that squealed the vessel tumbled him off his doubtful turing a few tarpon. A favorite meth little legs

duff for dinner on the steamer, and seven women and four men surreptitiously the table. They met at the little pig's sport, and when you consider that they, box and began to feed sweetmeat to the men, usually fished in small pir-the infant porker. An alarmed cry ogues, the performance may well be hecked the feeding.

She had some soft bread soaked in sweet milk, but that wilful pig hardly noticed it. After that there was a regfew men left that table without some-

hat his little legs bowed under him. pig's box was enlarged, as he could no longer pass it. On the fifteenth day my pars had dropped from the pins one end of the box was knocked out for and floated off. At first I felt amused the same reason. At Samoa they built at the predicament, but this feeling a new and larger box. The daily pil- changed to something like fear when I grimage with delicacies from the cabin ascertained that there was not a piece table continued and the foreordained sire of a noble line grew in popularity make a paddle, and I felt worse as I simpler stuffs, and many would find as well as size. There were jealousies such substitution necessary, for the among the passengers over the pig and original fabrics were nile green faille charges that he was getting things that charges that he was getting things that | ed, and I yelled vociferously in hopes were not good for him. The blue ribbon had long ago become too small and he ate it with some blanc mange one afternoon. The ship's physician said it Twilight is not long on the coast, and would not hurt him.

and the passengers fed their pet for the

But when it came to sending him the way. He did not dispute that this was the sweetest pig in the world, but the Australian law was strict and quarantine regulations could not be disregarded. The officer insulted everybody by speaking of the plg as "pork on the It would take a special act of parliament or an order of court, or something of that sort to get the pig through the regulations, and while the man who sent for the pig was trying to arrange matters the Alameda sailed for some and the pig on ber.

The up trip was the same as the fown trip for the pig, and on the arrival of the Alameda here, Captain Morse received a cablegram advising him that the difficulties had been overome and there was no longer any bar the pig's entry into Australia.

They opened the box to give the pig in outing on the dock, but he could ot even get his head through, and they had to knock the box to pieces to get

On Saturday the Alameda sailed for Australia, and in a large pen on deck was a huge hog. The cabin passengers sniffed disdainfully when the wind blew their way, and made remarks about a wine on deck.

Bettered His Prospects. (From the Detroit Free Press.)

Jack Negly was one of the mountainers of the Cumberland whom I had known better perhaps than any of them, for Jack had borrowed a few dollars from me to buy a yoke of steers vaccination by Jenner smallpex caused me into very close acquintance with ple died in Europe from smallpox durhim. He was a farmer in a small way, ing the eighteenth century. In the sixdebt. He was a renter and at least every other season he was occupying a different farm. By my advice he had moved the year before into an entirely new field, at least a dozen miles from his usual haunts, and I had not see him for several months. When I did see him, at last, it was by accident as business called me into his neighbor hood. As I rode past his house he hailed me from the corn field and came out to

"Hello," I exclaimed, "is this your farm?

"Yes, and I jist come over to tell you olonel, that I'll be ready to pay part of that claim uv your'n afore long." 'You must be doing well?"

"I'm doin' fust rate, and I'm powerful bleeged to you, colonel, fer headin' m

"I'm always glad to help if I can," "I knowed that, colonel, and that's vhy I come away over here so fer rum home. Hit's kinder strange to me, but ez long ez I'm doin' ez well ez am I'm a-goin to stand it."

"Are you making any money?" Jim's face brightened up perceptibly. "No, I ain't, colonel," he replied hope fully, "but I'm losing it slower'n I ever done in my life afore.'

TOWED IN BY A PORPOISE.

The Story Told as He Told it to His Friends Who Didn't Believe Him.

(From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.) A number of the guests of the Pickwick hotel were seated before the com fortable grate fire in the reading room of that institution last night, talking of everything but the weather. At last the conversation got around to a subject that always brings forth a series of interesting stories and reminiscences -hunting and fishing. The most wonderful tales that were ever evolved in the mind of man were passed about as if matters of mere every-day occurrence, and the shades of Walton and the elder Nimrod must have wilted had they been anywhere about. One of the gentlemen had just finished a wonder ful story of rescue, in which a fisher-man had ridden a turtle for two miles off the Florida coast and was finally rescued by a passing vessel, a little the worse for wear and anxiety.

The members of the party looked at each other for a few moments, when a local sportsman, who had said nothing up to this time, concluded it was time to uphold the reputation of the

"Well, that's all well and good," he the house set apart for divine worship. will be pretty for some time yet, quite squealed so pathetically when the time some years ago may appear quite as re-

doubt the truth of the narrative when and took him out of his box on the deck. I myself tell it. I was hunting and They tied a blue ribbon around his fishing in Barataria bay, and for several days had enjoyed myself hugely. to his tall, and he warmed his cold pink | Fish of al sorts were plentiful and the little nose in the hand of the prettiest marsh hens flew before my gun in clouds. It was not an uncommon thing with trout and redfish in a single morning's outing, and I would vary the so deligh fully whenever the rolling of monotony of this sort of sport by capod employed by the fishermen in this On the third day out they had plum section of the coast waters is to catch uff for dinner on the steamer, and sevand when the gleaming fin would break slipped the pudding from their plates the surface to plunge a grain just abaft called dangerous. I became quite ex-"You'll kill that poor little thing!" Pert at this and would go at the tarpon shricked a mother; "plum pudding, and he only three weeks old."

with all the termerity and sangfroid of an old-timer. I never however an old-timer. I never, however, suc-

ceeded in gaining a silver fish.
"This is not the story I want to tell. however. One morning, when I was ular procession from the cabin table about two miles from shore, right out to the box on deck. No women and to sea, I cast my lines and the Spanish mackeral began biting like mad. My thing for the little pig. The mother hands were blistered and I could scarce waited gloomily for the fulfilment of her ly move in the boat owing to the vast lire prophecy while the plg got so fat quantities of the beauties which I had pulled. I rolled up my lines, settled On the tenth day out the door on the myself for a comfortable row back to shore, and was knocked out to find that of wood in the boat with which I could land died of smallpox in 1734. Small noticed a drift seaward and that the sun was falling. My quandary increas- scourged. Macaulay tells us it was alof my voice reaching the shore. Foolish hope. Time drew on with wonder-"At last the Alameda reached Sydney leaving the surface of the gulf as leaving the surface of the gulf as ent century, no peculiarities of architec-smooth as a pond. Suddenly I heard a ture, dress, or behavior would be so mort, and then another, and the water was broken into a heap of swirls by the ashore a stern man in uniform stood in breaking of a great school of porpoises. The fish approached the boat, danger-quely close, I thought, until at last a ace of the king.—Medical Record. bright thought struck me, and without losing any time, I grabbed by largest line, and quickly tying a slip noose watched my oppositunity, and as a porpolse broke within a few feet of the boat I threw the noose, lasso fashion, and the loop landed square and fair over the huge dorsal fin of the cetacean -and slipped off. My next cast was more successful, the fin being carrugated by age, and the line held.

"It is a well known fact that a por-polse when struck or injured makes for shore, My capture followed this very plan, and, gratified at my sagacity and knowledge, I fastened the line to the prow of the boat, and soon had the satisfaction of witnessing my novel steed cavort toward the shore, growing already dim in the fading light.

"It was luck, for the trip was made without incident, the fish thinking of only getting away from the line, an soon I saw the water fly as he plunged over the first sandbar. enough to wade, and cut the line, thanking my stars and the porpoise for a re-markable deliverance. A little while steamship company that permitted after I was on the shore telling the story to my friends, who, by the way did not believe me."

It was evident his listeners were o the same opinion, as one by one they excused themselves, and soon the narrator was left alone.

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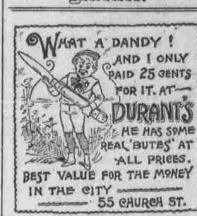
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